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(SUBJECT.)

Famine - (Bahary) - Relief work at
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Famine - (Bellary) - Relief camp at Nadangam - Inspection note of the District Medical Officer, dated 6-8-1935 - forwarded for necessary action.

Ref. No. 211-Hospitals

Station Madras, Dated the 8th August 19 35.

From (Name) Major-General Sir F.P. Connor, Kt., D.S.O., K.H.S.
I.M.S.,
(Designation) Surgeon-General with the Government of
Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

REVENUE Department.
Through the Joint Secretary ~~Board of Revenue~~ Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue and Settlement, Chempauk.
Sir

In forwarding herewith a copy of the Inspection note of the District Medical Officer, Bellary, on Famine Relief Camp at Nadangam which he inspected on 6-8-1935, I have the honour to request that early action may be taken with regard to para 1 to 3 of the note.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Surgeon-General, I.M.S.,
Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
C. R. P/8-8-35

Copy of letter from the District Medical Officer, Bellary, to the Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General with the Government Madras, No.280/35 dated 6-8-1935.

I visited the Famine Camp at Nandanam on 6-8-35.

There were 695 men,
1385 women,
and 360 children workers.
Dependants numbered 2 men
3 women
138 children fed at kit,
and 371 babies in arms.

21 women well advanced in pregnancy were doing light work at the camp. These women were coming from distances of three miles and over.

2. I hope that immediate steps will be taken to put an end to this. The dangers and cruelty of it are so manifest that the medical officers cannot accept any responsibility for any accidents that may happen if the practice is allowed to continue.

3. The practice of other camps should be followed where women far advanced in pregnancy are given the dole at their own homes.

4. The Hospital has been improved since my last visit. There is sufficient supply of medicines. The general health of workers and dependants is good. No disease is particularly prevalent though the incidence of dysentery and conjunctivitis among the children is higher than it ought to be. The children are being fed merely on the famine code scale of diet. None of the voluntary aid associations are doing anything at this camp. The water supply is good and ample.

5. There is no obvious sign of diet deficiency beyond what is met with among the general population of the district.

Famine - (Bellary) - Relief camp
at Nadangan - Inspection and
of the D. M. No. 16-8-35.

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with reference to paras 1 to 3
 of the D. M.'s letter read above
 the Colly of Bellary is requested
 to institute enquiries at once
 and report within a week
 whether the Medical officer
 in charge of the relief camp
 had already examined the
 21 cases of pregnant women
 and certified that they were
 unfit even for light work
 and if so, why the Medical
 officer's opinion was not
 acted on and the women
 were ~~allowed~~ ^{asked} to do work
 Action should at once
 be taken under section
 132 of the Famine code

Walk long
 distances to
 the camp &

139 of the code

On the other hand, the
Medical Officer in charge of
the works has not already
examined these cases. They
should be examined at once
and medical opinion should
be given effect to immediately.

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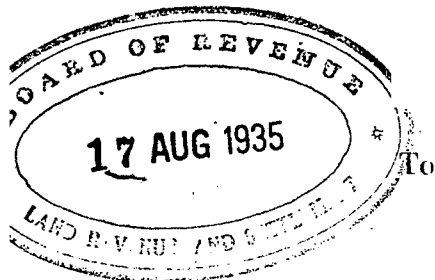
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From (Name) T. Bhaskara Rao Esq.. I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector

Post Box _____, (STATION) Bellary.

Telegraphic Address _____

To
The Secretary to the Commissioners,

Land Revenue & Settlement,

Madras

R.O.C No. 2363/35, dated 16th August 1935

Sir,

ENCLOSURES _____

FAMINE. Bellary District- Relief camp at Nadangan
Inspection notes of the District Medical
Officer dated 6-8-35- reference in it.

SPARE COPIES

Board's Ref. No. M. 5486/35-1 dated 9-8-35.

The Famine Executive Engineer, Bellary has been

asked to report the circumstances under which the 21

pregnant women were given light work and his report has

not yet been received. I shall submit my reply as soon

as it is received

All these 21 pregnant women have since been given

leave of absence from 6-8-1935..

R. V. Venkata Deepa

I.S. 16.8.P. 2/16-8.

For Collector.

16.8.35

To S.

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The further report from the Collyer may be awaited till
the 29th August.

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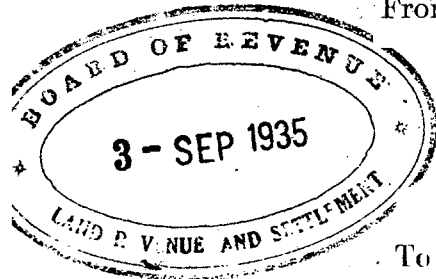
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(Designation) Collector

Post Box _____, (STATION) Bellary.

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To

The Secretary to the Commissioners,

Land Revenue & Settlement,
Madras.R.O.C. No. 2363/35, dated 1st September 1935
Sir,

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FAMINE- Relief Nadangam relief work- inspection
notes of the District Medical Officer, dated
6-8-35.

SPARE COPIES _____ Ref. Boards Reference No. M. 5486/35-1 dated 9-8-35.

The 21 pregnant women referred to in the notes of
Inspection of the District Medical Officer, Bellary were not
certified by the local Medical Officer to be unfit even for
light work and they were therefore formed into a special
gang and given light work at the camp. All these pregnant
women were given leave of absence from 6-8-35. The
District Medical Officer has since issued a circular to
all medical officers in charge of the famine camp hospitals
regarding the treatment of pregnant woman (copy enclosed)
and I think that no further action is necessary in
the matter.

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For Collector.

Copy of Memo No. 280/35 dated 23rd August from the Office of the District Medical Officer, Bellary.

I find that my verbal instructions regarding the treatment of pregnant women are not being carried out. These instructions were given in accordance with (the amended) section 132 of the Famine code, Madras Presidency.

Instances have been brought to my notice where women, nearing full term of pregnancy, have been coming to the famine camp, at great risk to themselves for fear of losing their allowances. In the majority of cases it is quite impossible to tell, within a fairly wide margin, the exact date of confinement.

In future, therefore, when the medical officer has reasonable grounds to suppose that a pregnant woman is nearing full term he shall give to the charge officer of the camp a certificate, in the following terms to enable the woman to draw her allowances at her own home.

"In my opinion this woman is far advanced in pregnancy and will not be safe for her to return to work of any kind in the famine camp till she has recovered from the effects of her confinement."

Medical Officers are notified that they must exercise all possible skill and judgment in giving such certificates, both in the interests of the pregnant woman and the Government and the results will be noted in their personal records.

(True Copy)

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For Collector.

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Famine (Bellary) -
work at Nadangam - Indian
notes of the D.M.O. - Pregnant
women at work - collected
report - submitted to Govt.

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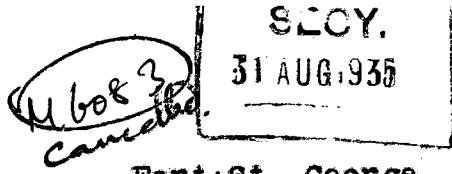
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See to Govt. R.D.
the Surgeon General.



Fort St. George,

30th August 1935.

My dear Connor,

Famine - (Bellary) - Relief camp at Nadangam -
Employment of pregnant women -
Your letter No. 211 Hospitals, dated 8th August 1935

I am to state that Mr. Souter (Revenue Member) enquired into the matter mentioned above, during his recent tour in the district. According to the provisions of section 132 of the Famine Code, if the Medical Officer in charge of the camp - certifies that a pregnant woman is unfit to work, she is given gratuitous relief at her house. This rule is followed in all camps. Apparently however the Medical Officer at the Nadangam did not give the requisite certificate. I am to say that Colonel Leslie is satisfied with the rule and that the circumstances in which women well advanced in pregnancy were employed in the Nadangam camp will be examined further.

Yours sincerely,

H. R. Uzielli,

General Sir F. P. Connor Kt., D.S.O., K.H.S., I.M.S.,

Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

Copy to M.K. Vellodi Esq. I.C.S., Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue
Land Revenue and Settlement.

Forwarded
(By Order)

To J.S.

The further report promised by
the Col. may be awaited. He was
replied on 31-8-35.

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Superintendent. 30/8

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